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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5-11 and 13-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5-8,11,13,14,17 and 18-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9,10,15,16 and 23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1, 3, 5-11, and 13-23** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Glaser et al.
3. Glaser et al. teach a diagnostic method and system for a field device in a process control apparatus (Claims 1, 11, 17, and 22: see col. 4, lines 50-60), comprising: at least one sensor associated with the process control apparatus (Claims 1, 11, 17 and 22: see col. 9, lines 32-40); a computer located on the field device and adapted to receive data from the sensor and to detect an occurrence of a predetermined process event (Claims 1, 11, 17 and 22: see col. 32-40)); and a memory device operatively connected to the computer and adapted to store sensor data received by the computer at a time corresponding to the occurrence of the predetermined process event (Claims 1, 11, 17 and 22: see col. 11, line 58 through col. 12, line 14).

Glaser et al. teach a diagnostic system wherein the memory device is further adapted to store sensor data received by the computer at times subsequent to the occurrence of the predetermined process event (Claims 3 and 13: see col. 11, line 58 through col. 12, line 14).

Glaser et al. teach a diagnostic system wherein the memory device is further adapted to store sensor data received by the computer at times prior to the occurrence of the predetermined process event (Claims 12 and 18: see col. 11, line 58 through col. 12, line 14).

Glaser et al. teach a diagnostic system wherein the memory device is further adapted to, store sensor data received by the computer at times prior to the occurrence of the predetermined process event and subsequent to the occurrence of the predetermined process event (Claim 14: see col. 11, line 58 through col. 12, line 14).

Glaser et al. teach a diagnostic system wherein the computer is a microcontroller located on the field device (Claim 5: see Figure 6A).

Glaser et al. teach a diagnostic system wherein the memory device is located on the field device (Claim 6: see Figure 6A).

Glaser et al. teach a diagnostic system wherein the memory device is a non-volatile RAM (Claims 7: see col. 11, line 58 through col. 12, line 14).

Glaser et al. teach a diagnostic system wherein the field device is a valve positioner (Claim 8: see col. 5, lines 16-20).

Glaser et al. teach a field device wherein the predetermined process event is the failure of a sensor (Claim 19: see col. 22, lines 29-45).

Glaser et al. teach a field device wherein the predetermined process event is a component failure (Claim 20: see col. 22, lines 29-45).

Glaser et al. teach a field device wherein the predetermined process event is a process variable change (Claim 21: see col. 22, lines 12-19).

Glaser et al. teach a field device wherein the predetermined process event is a command from a process control workstation (Claim 22: see col. Figure 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, and 23** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Edward Raymond/ whose telephone number is 571-272-2221. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eliseo Ramos-Feliciano can be reached on 571-272-7925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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